

House Resolution 936

By: Representative Bryant of the 160th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reverend Thurmond N. Tillman for his life of dedicated service to his church
2 and recognizing him on the anniversary of his 25th year of service to his congregation; and
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Thurmond N. Tillman was born the beloved son of Reverend and Mrs. Eugene
5 C. Tillman, Sr., and was raised in Brunswick, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Glynn Academy and Brunswick Junior College, and he
7 received his Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice with a minor in
8 Business Management from the State University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia,
9 earned a Master of Divinity from Morehouse College, School of Religion in Atlanta,
10 Georgia, and currently serves as a licensed minister; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1982 Thurmond N. Tillman became pastor of the First African Baptist
12 Church, Franklin Square, in Savannah, Georgia, and he has been leading the church through
13 his inspirational preaching and teaching for more than 25 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Tillman's dedication to community is demonstrated by his service on
15 many associations and committees, including his service as President of the General
16 Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Congress of Christian Education, Vice Moderator
17 of the Berean Missionary Baptist Association, Treasurer of the Savannah Baptist Ministers
18 Union, Convener of the Hundred Black Churches Connected, Convener of the 1000
19 Churches Connected in the Savannah area, former President of the Interdenominational
20 Ministerial Alliance of Chatham County, Chairman of the West Broad Street Y.M.C.A.,
21 Board Member of the African American Monument Association and Goodwill Industries of
22 the Coastal Empire, Former Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the Housing
23 Authority of Savannah, Founder and CEO of Amen Enterprises, Chaplain for the Savannah
24 Police Department, Chaplain and life member of Kappa Alpha Psi, and many others; and

1 WHEREAS, Reverend Tillman has lived a life dedicated to Christian education programs
2 and community and spiritual service, embodying his personal commitment to his fellow man,
3 and he exemplifies extraordinary Christian leadership in the Christian community; and

4 WHEREAS, Reverend Tillman is a devoted husband to his wife of 26 years, Lawanda
5 Copeland, and a loving father to their three children, Trenile Nicole, Lauren Christina, and
6 Tremil Delano.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body recognize the service of this dedicated spiritual leader, commend
9 Reverend Thurmond N. Tillman for his many achievements and contributions, and
10 congratulate him on his 25 years of service with the First African Baptist Church.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Thurmond N.
13 Tillman.